

SPIRITUAL JOTTINGS.

Our protracted meeting at Ridgely, Md., has closed for the present. I do not remember ever holding a meeting with as many unavoidable embarrassments as this.

1. I began this meeting in the midst of the tomato harvest; which is the chief crop of the farmers. There is a rush for about four weeks. Farmers were picking and hauling tomatoes night and day. Hundreds of hands were employed in three large canneries; some had to work night and day to keep the tomatoes from spoiling; then many spoilt for them. My meeting began in the height of their busiest season of the year.

2. It was not customary to have meetings on Saturday nights.

3. I went home over Sunday once, also over one Wednesday, also almost rained out five nights.

4. We have no church house of our own, but rented the Methodist protestant church.

5. The M. E. church is the oldest and has a large membership, and some of the natives were prejudiced against doctrine and especially baptism.

6. The M. E.'s. also had three conflicting meetings each week, besides one extra lecture by a stranger one night.

7. The correspondent of Ridgely for the county papers forgot (?) to make mention of our meetings for three weeks, until the night meeting closed; though he faithfully promised me he would give a favorable notice. He thought of all other news but forgot (?) us.

8. The M. E. pastor said publicly that he thought it would be best for us and them to adjust our meetings so as to avoid all conflict; and almost immediately after I kindly offered to make any reasonable adjustment, he arose and made a square conflict and with *unusual emphasis* he reminded his members of the meetings and urged their attendance.

9. Last but not least he announced that they *must* begin their revival meeting on Sunday night Oct. 1st, which was earlier than they usually begin; a number of their members told me that they felt sure their congregation preferred the meeting later. Hence we closed on Friday night Sept. 28. Thus with many embarrassments we struggled along for about three weeks. We could have done possibly more in ten days solid work than in this whole time. Yet we feel we had a splendid meeting; that much seed has been sown that will produce fruit. Immediate result, nine additions. Eight by baptism and one from the German Baptist Brethren. Eight the last week; six on Thursday night one on Friday and the meetings closed on Friday night. We baptized eight on Friday in beautiful water, all stood it splendidly. They were confirmed after prayer by the laying on of hands in the church at the beginning of the evening service. We closed with a

splendid feeling; and could we have continued for three weeks longer without conflicting meetings we could have done in all probability a great work. We believe the Lord will prosper the right, and if we put forth an honest, earnest, unprejudiced effort the Lord will abundantly bless the Gospel alone doctrine at Ridgely. One year ago we had five members there, now we have twenty-four. We have received twenty in the last year at Ridgely. One noble sister who is now sleeping in Jesus, started the ball rolling by sending for me to baptize her a short while before she died with consumption. Some of her friends said let the Dunkard brethren baptize her, it made no difference as she could not live long; but she said that is the reason I am careful. She wanted to set a good example; she is dead but still she speaks, and I trust long after her death the good work that she has started may still prosper. We organized a King's Children band, and we believe they will do good work. Pray for our work at Ridgely.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

FROM HAGERSTOWN, MD.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Although the Hagerstown church is seldom heard from nevertheless we are a *live* church. With Bro. Mackey at our head we are progressing very nicely. About one year ago he came among the members here, and aroused them to their duty. So earnestly did he labor, that before taking his departure, he had stirred up enthusiasm enough to put them to dreaming of what "might be." Gradually the dream developed into reality and on the 13th of last May we dedicated our beautiful little church to God. Shortly after we purchased an organ, and although we are not entirely free from debt, we hope with the progress we have thus far made, that the small remainder will not long rest upon us. Bro. Mackey and wife have won, not only the hearts of his own members but many others. We have service every Sabbath morning, and the average attendance far exceeds the number of members, which goes to prove his success. We are looking forward with anxious hearts to our first Love-feast in our new church. Sunday evening Oct. 21st has been decided upon for this service, and we hope to have as many with us from adjoining congregations as can come. Immediately following our communion, Bro. Mackey expects to hold revival services. We feel there is much work to do in this line; for although Hagerstown is noted for its numerous churches and evangelistic work, still there are many who have never given their hearts to Jesus or heard of the doctrine of the Brethren church. Heretofore, God in his merciful kindness, has blessed us in our every effort and we feel sure of his Divine assistance during these services.

BERTHA BYER.

FROM MT. ZION.

NEEDMORE, O., Oct. 16th, 1894.

Our short series of meetings closed last night. Communion was observed on the evening of the 13th, with the tables full of communicants and the house crowded to overflowing with very attentive and observing listeners. Bro. J. H. Palmer of Huntington Ind., officiated. We had a splendid meeting, the church being much benefited by the solemn ordinance, and others present we know received a blessing. Bro. J. H. Palmer conducted the meeting in the finest order and his remarks were strictly to the point and had great effect on all present. The immediate result of the meeting was one of our Sunday school scholars, a little girl, came out and demanded baptism. The only objection we shall offer is that the meeting was too short. Bro. Palmer is a fine preacher; he delivered some of the best sermons it has ever been our privilege to listen to, as this is his old home, all were glad to see him and his family and much more thankful that he has made such wonderful improvement in the ministry. Our prayers shall be that the great Giver of all good may greatly bless him and his family, spiritually, physically, and temporally. Three of his relations from Huntington came along with him, these also we were glad to see, all of them being members of the Brethren church. As Bro. J. H. was one of our school mates and was chosen to the ministry from our congregations, therefore he has affectionate and well wishing place in our hearts. May God bless us all abundantly is our prayers.

Yours in Christ,

I. INBODY.

FROM MOUNT ZION CHURCH, PA.

As we have not reported from this place for some time we herewith give a final report for this Conference year ending Oct. 1st, '94. Additions, by baptism nineteen; by relation four; total twenty three. At present we have four applications for Baptism. One has been removed from our midst by death. And two were disowned for whom our constant prayers go up for their speedy return to the fold. Feeling that the harvest is great and many laborers being needed we elected from our number Bro. M. C. Meyers, to the ministry. Bro. J. M. Gibboney was elected as deacon with the privilege to preach. We are at present organizing a King's Children society in our church, the success of which we will report to the "EVANGELIST" or "King's Children," from time to time as it may under the Lord's care develop.

Our Sunday school is doing a good work as twelve members of our school have joined the church. Quite a number of our church members are actively engaged in Sunday school work which thing should be greatly encouraged.

Under the leadership of our beloved pastor W. F. Murray we feel greatly encouraged to go to work more earnestly for the promotion of God's cause, and the moral elevation of humanity at large. May the Lord bless the labors of Bro. Murray and give him strength for a greater work in the future is the prayer of his little flock.

A. C. DANIELS.

FROM DAYTON, OHIO.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I came to this City and began meeting in the meeting house occupied by the Brethren and so far they are gaining ground. I send you a clipping from the Dayton evening journal which will give some idea of its success. My stay here will be short as I have a meeting to hold at Pittsburg, Drake Co., Ohio, and I go from there to Masontown, Penn., to hold a few meetings. The George Creek church will give a report of those meetings farther along. In my opinion the Ohio mission board would do well to assist the Dayton church in their effort to advance the good work. I ask the prayers of the church to hold me up to a throne of grace that much good may be accomplished.

Fraternally,

J. W. FITZGERALD.

BRETHREN REVIVAL.

Rev. Fitzgerald preached to two large audiences yesterday at the church on Chapel street. The singing and music was a special feature of the meetings. In describing the lost and helpless condition of those who are in sin, Mr Fitzgerald had the full attention of all, and many were made to reflect. He expresses himself clearly and fearlessly. His is a consecrated life, and all who know him love him. The church is being revived as it has not been for a long time. Two were added to the membership yesterday. The meetings continue this week at 7:45. each evening except Tuesday. Subject this evening "Who will roll us away the stone."

COMMUNION NOTICE.

Communion services will be held at the Loree, Ind., Brethren church Sat. evening, Oct. 20, 1894. All are invited to come.

R. R. TEETER.

The brethren of Twelve Mile, Ind., will hold communion services on Saturday evening Oct. the 20th, 1894. A cordial invitation is extended to all our brethren and sisters of like faith to be with us. Services to begin prompt at six o'clock.

GEORGE BARNHART.

The brethren of the New Enterprise, Pa., church expect to hold a communion on Sunday evening, Nov. 4, 1894. Preaching on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning previous. A general invitation to the Brotherhood is extended.

GOSHEN, IND., Oct. 13.

The brethren at Syracuse will hold a communion on Saturday evening Nov. 3, 1894 to begin at 7: P. M. Come out and help us.

A. S. MENAUGH.